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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

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4. With regard to the title,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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METHOD OF PRODUCING AN IMAGE ON A PRINTING SCREEN

5. With regard to the abstract,

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☐ as suggested by the applicant.

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☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

☒ None of the figures.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 841C1/14

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 841C

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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